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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: NON-INCREAMENT ON AIR MANPOWER

REF: A) NATO 5690; B) MBFR VIENNA 0291; C) MBFR VIENNA 0318

1. PARA FOUR OF REFTEL REPORTS THAT FRG BELIEVES THAT ANY ALLIED NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON AIR MANPOWER SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON GROUND FORCES. THEY REACH THIS CONCLUSION BECAUSE THE GUIDANCE ON PHASE LINKAGE ALSO INCLUDES THE COMMITMENT OF ALL PARTICIPANTS TO REDUCE IN PHASE II AND THEY FEAR THAT INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE PRESENT NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT WOULD INDICATE A WILLINGNESS OF THE NON-US ALLIES TO REDUCE AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN PHASE II.

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2. IN PARA 12, REFTTEL (A), USNATO SUGGESTS THAT LANGUAGE OF PARA 3, REFTTEL (B), SUPPLEMENTED BY LANGUAGE IN PARA 2, REFTTEL (C), BE DRAWN ON TO PREPARE SEPARATE GUIDANCE AS SUGGESTED BY FRG. MISSION ALSO SUGGESTS ADDING LANGUAGE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMING AIR MANPOWER CEILINGS OR REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II.

3. COVERAGE OF AIR MANPOWER AS WELL AS GROUND FORCE MANPOWER BY A PHASE I NO-INCREASE COMMITMENT SHOULD NOT RAISE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE ALLIES WOULD BE WILLING TO REDUCE AIR MANPOWER IN PHASE II, IF EITHER IN, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE SAME PHASE I AGREEMENT THE NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS COMMIT TO REDUCE TO A COMMON CEILING ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER. THE FACT THAT THE COMMON CEILING IS EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO GROUND FORCE MANPOWER SHOULD NEGATE ANY IMPLICATION OF AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO SINCE PRESEUMABLY THE ALLIED COMMITMENT IN PHASE I TO REDUCE IN PHASE II TO A GROUND FORCE MANPOWER COMMON CEILING WOULD IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT ONLY AFTER OVERCOMING STRONG EASTERN DEMANDS FOR AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS. ACCORDINGLY A SEPARATE DISCLAIMER OF REDUCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. USNATO MAY WISH TO COMMENT TO FRG REP ON THESE LINES.

4. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE SAME REASONS WHICH RESULT IN THE INCLUSION OF A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON AIR MANPOWER IN PHASE I WILL ALSO RESULT IN INCLUSION OF A SIMILAR PROVISION IN A PHASE II AGREEMENT OR LANGUAGE BRINGING AIR MANPOWER UNDER THE PHASE II COMMON CEILING. ACCORDINGLY, IT DOES NOT APPEAR LOGICAL TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE EAST THAT THERE WILL BE NO CEILING ON AIR IN PHASE II.  
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